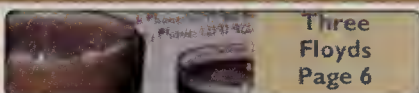


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Flood hits Region

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Managing Editor

A torrent of rain that dumped 8.95 inches in Hammond from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, has ceased, but the National Weather Service said the full effect of the storm may not be felt until later in the week.

The Little Calumet River, which runs a quarter mile south of PUC, reached a record 17.32 feet on Sunday causing mandatory evacuations in Highland and Munster. But the National Weather Service said water will continue to dredge into the river from upstream, causing continuous flooding until Wednesday. There is a flood warning for all areas in Northwest Indiana until Tuesday night.

Main roadways to campus, including Indianapolis Boulevard and Kennedy Avenue, were problem areas Sunday and Monday, and may continue to collect standing water throughout the week. The Borman Expressway continues to have standing water on the roadway and can be expected to be a problem area the next few days.

The PUC administration cancelled classes for the Academic Learning Center on Tuesday, though the Hammond campus will open. Lukoshus suggested students plan alternate routes to campus all week and allow extra time in case more roads are shut down as water continues to flow to low lying areas. The PUC campus suffered no flood damage in the storm, according to Lukoshus.



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Due to the large amount of rain, several areas experienced flooding, including builds on Kennedy Ave. in Highland (above) and Wisconsin St. in Hobart (below).



Chronicle photo by Rick Palutew

Housing director asks question during a "Lessons Learned" seminar as Sargent Gloria Mitchell looks on.

Administration considers new notification system

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

The flood this weekend helped put into action the emergency preparedness plans the PUC administration discussed last week.

September is emergency preparedness month, and PUC recognized it by holding training workshops for students and faculty, an open forum to discuss lessons learned after the tornado on August 5 and an introduction to a new emergency notification system.

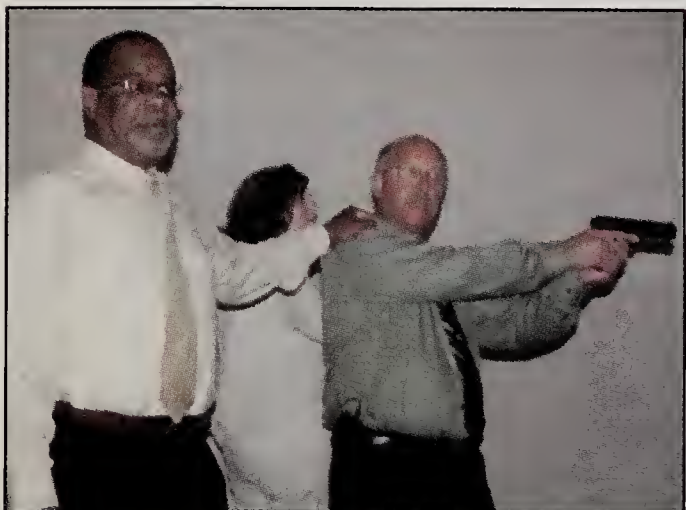
On Wednesday an administrative meeting was held to demonstrate a new emergency notification system by the Enterasys company that the PUC administration is now consider-

ing. Joe Morales, director of technical services, demonstrated the system, which can communicate a message through six channels: email, phone, text message, the PUC home page, the public address system and through a web browser.

The system also avoids the major downfall of the current notification system - loss of power. According to Wes Lukoshus, massive power losses on campus and in residential areas on August 5 meant no one could send out a notification message on the PUC website. Several generators on campus also failed during the storm.

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Larson asks 'what if' in seminar



Chronicle photo by Nathyn Gibson

Assistant vice chancellor Roy Hamilton attacks Dan Larson during an exercise at the workplace violence seminar.

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

"I'm going to try killing both of you," Dan Larson said. "But I'm going to kill him first."

He grabbed the knife from a table, and then he attacked.

His two victims reached for

their guns they carried in their bags, but to no avail. Larson stabbed both while they were still digging for their guns. Within seconds they were casualties of a random street attack.

Larson, a faculty member in the physical facilities department at Purdue University, used this

demonstration to prove how fast an act of violence can occur, and that a killer honed in on his victim will likely win.

Over 70 PUC faculty and staff gathered on Tuesday to receive workplace violence training from Larson, a 26-year veteran of the Purdue University Police Department. His mission - to prove that potential victims in the workplace can plan for the most unthinking of crises.

"I don't want you to live in fear," Larson said. "I do want you to feel empowered that there are things you can do."

The three-hour training discussed the necessity for an escape plan before a fire, dealing with a potentially violent co-worker and surviving an attack if that person snaps.

Larson also incorporated several role-playing exercises to show the difficulty of reacting during heat-of-the-moment events.

He also used his own firsthand experience.

Larson recalled one afternoon three years earlier when he was on duty as a police officer. A heated student, who had been rejected for admission by the School of Management earlier that day, rushed across Purdue's campus to confront the dean.

The student had just been rejected for admission by the university and intended to give the dean a piece of his mind. By the time he made it to her office, he was enraged and foaming at the mouth.

When the student asked the secretary for the dean, she did not have a plan to deal with him. She said the dean was out to lunch and would be back in 30 minutes.

It's this lack of planning that Larson said needs to be avoided. He suggested having an inter-office code word in the event of a potentially violent individual. He also said empathic listening, a non-judgmental attitude and paraphrasing thoughts back to that person can help calm the situation.

Even in the event of a violent attack, Larson said there is a 94.75 percent survival rate when shots are fired, and that trained police still miss their targets 80 percent of the time.

"Even if you're a victim the chances are that you will come out alive," he said.

Michael Kull, the assistant vice chancellor of administrative services, said the individual empowerment taught by Larson embodies the feeling of the PUC administration.

"Individual action is everything," Kull said. "Administrative action simply mitigates the duration and impact of a crisis."

Kull said the human resources department recently expanded the duties of a supervisor at PUC to include training the staff in emergency preparedness, though it is not yet required for supervisors to attend training.

Larson will hold a second seminar on workplace violence on November 18.

ADMINISTRATIVE

update

myPUC

web portal is coming September 29

ATTENTION STUDENTS: your very own web portal, **myPUC**, debuts Sept. 29. **myPUC** is designed to provide you access to services, information and your records to enhance your Purdue Calumet student experience. The following Q&A offers details.

Q: What exactly is myPUC?

A: The **myPUC** portal will provide a single point of entry to web-based campus services available to you. As the portal evolves, **myPUC** also will provide an adaptable option for communication and collaboration among students, faculty, and staff. **myPUC** is a university strategic initiative intended to help you advance your success and persist toward your Purdue degree.

Q: Why should I get excited about myPUC?

A: **myPUC** is a major step in the process of reducing the number of unique usernames and passwords students are required to use for accessing campus web-based services. For example, when you log into **myPUC** and click the "Enrollment Services" tab, you will gain immediate access to all PC Star information without needing an extra login to that unique system. Plans are underway to make Blackboard available through **myPUC** next semester. Eventually, students logging into **myPUC** with a single username and password will gain access to PC Star, Blackboard and other systems.

Q: What information can I obtain from myPUC?

A: Beginning Sept. 29, you will be able to view your personal student records and access all features of PC Star. Additionally, channels within **myPUC** will provide links to other important, online student informational resources. You also can customize information in **myPUC** to suit unique informational needs.

Q: How does myPUC differ from PC STAR?

A: **myPUC** provides access to all information and processes available in PC Star. **myPUC** also provides shortcuts for you to view such personal information as grades and your account balance without navigating through multiple menus.

Q: Will I be required to use myPUC?

A: From Sept. 29 through the rest of the fall semester, you will have access both to **myPUC** and PC Star. However, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with **myPUC** because by next semester, PC Star information will be available ONLY by logging into **myPUC**.

Q: How can myPUC help me be a better student?

A: **myPUC** will make it convenient for you to access personal student record information and find links to important campus resources focusing on the student experience. **myPUC** also enables specific messages to be delivered to specific student populations. Ultimately, **myPUC** will provide a single point of entry for web-based services, making it easier for you to access critical informational resources in one convenient location.

Q: How do I connect to myPUC?

A: At the Purdue Calumet home page – www.calumet.purdue.edu – beginning Sept. 29, you will be able to click onto the **myPUC** link next to the PC Star link. You can use your Career Account username and your PC Star PIN number to access **myPUC**.

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

The Second City

Back by popular demand, the legendary comedy troop, The Second City will perform live in Alumni Hall at Purdue Calumet on Friday, September 26 from 7 to 9 P.M. Last year's audience roared with laughter. Discounted tickets for students are limited at \$10 each while quantities last. Students must show PUC student ID at time of purchase. Tickets for Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet members are \$15. Tickets for all others are \$20. Open to the general public. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Call the alumni office for details at 989-2308.

Student Organization Looking for Members

Looking for interested students to form the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender student organization. If interested please e-mail studentactivities@calumet.purdue.edu.

The Purdue Theatre Co. is holding audition

The Purdue Theatre Co. is holding auditions for two one-act plays on Friday, September 19 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm in the YJean Chambers Hall, 3rd floor of the Student Union Library Building. There are parts for five women in the plays, plus they are looking for Elvis impersonators and people who enjoy acting like cats! The two plays (Graceland by Ellen Byron and Cat Hoarders Anonymous by Dr. Theresa Carilli, Professor, Department of Communication and Creative Arts) will be performed on Nov 14, 15, 16 and 21, 22. Come to the YJean Chambers Hall prepared to read from the script provided.

Calling All PUC Graduate Students

Do you need something other than your academic area of study? Do you need an overview on other fields to help with your career planning? If so...join the Purdue University Calumet Graduate Student Association! Share and acquire information and ideas from other graduate students from different departments! For more information, contact Wendi Liu at windy0002@hotmail.com.

Constitution Day celebration

The Department of History and Political Science is celebrating Constitution Day on September 17 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall. The celebration starts with a showcase of Munster High School's We the People team at 12:30, followed by the biography of John Adams at 2:00 and

a mock trial of John Adams Sedition Act at 5:00.

Complimentary cookies and beverages will also be served. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Producers" musical field trip

Student Activities is sponsoring a student adventure trip to "The Producers" musical on September 20 at 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Theater at the Center in Munster.

Students must register by September 18. Ticket prices for students are \$10 and \$26 for faculty, staff and guests.

For registration, call 219-989-2367 or visit Lawshe 352.

Central Michigan vs. Purdue

Student Activities is sponsoring a student adventure trip to the Central Michigan and Purdue football game on September 20. Students will depart from campus at 8 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m.

Tickets for students cost \$20 and \$22 for faculty, staff and guests. For registration, call 219-989-2367 or visit Lawshe 352.

Finance and Accounting Club

The PUC Finance and Accounting Club is holding their first meeting of the year September 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Room with a View. Guest speakers from Whirlpool and the Indiana CPA Society will give the presentation for the evening.

For more information visit <http://life.calumet.purdue.edu/fac/>

Salsa lessons

Los Latinos is holding an evening of salsa dancing lessons on September 16 at 11 a.m. in Calumet Falls. All students and faculty are invited to attend this free event. For more information, email Raquel Perez at raperez@calumet.purdue.edu.

"Black in America" discussion

The Black Student Union is holding a discussion on the CNN show "Black in America" on September 17 at 12:30 p.m. in Calumet Falls. Students and faculty are welcome to come and express their views on the show during this event.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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Students learn to lead in crises

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PUC professor Dean Larson knows crises.

One night as he left his job as safety manager at U.S. Steel he heard a thundering explosion. Larson turned back and saw a 500-foot column of smoke rising into the air.

A blast furnace had just erupted and Larson was the first person on scene.

Immediately, he went into incident-command mode, assigning tasks to those around and organizing a response to the emergency. An hour later, emergency crews were on hand and every worker involved in the accident made it out alive.

It was this leadership and organization that Larson, who teaches classes on homeland security and organizational leadership, shared with students in a seminar on Thursday that opened the Inspired Leaders Series at PUC.

The first lesson Larson shared was the difference between managing a crisis and leading in a crisis.

"There's a big difference between leadership and management," Larson said. "You can't manage a crisis because you don't have control over it."

Larson invoked the events of

September 11 multiple times, saying both preparedness and improvisation by leaders are required in a crisis.

He mentioned the Shearson Lehman company who evacuated all but five of its 2400 employees out of the World Trade Center due to frequent evacuation practice. Though the event required improvisation, Larson said had planned ahead and suffered few casualties because of it.

Another lesson Larson shared with students was to stay positive during crises. He suggested saying three positive statements for every negative statement no matter how bleak the situation looks.

This courage to be decisive in high-pressure situations proves who a true leader is, according to Larson.

"A wrong action is better than none at all," he said.

Vice chancellor Rick Riddering, who organizes the Inspired Leaders Series, said Larson was a natural choice in the wake of Emergency Preparedness Month and September 11.

"Employers tell me all the time they are looking for leaders and," Riddering said.

The next Inspired Leaders event features Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott Jr. on September 23.

Notification

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The new system can be activated by a cell phone with Internet access anywhere in the world to send out either a custom message or a previously-designed message. Anyone connected to the PUC network would immediately receive a message, instead of solely relying on students frequently checking the PUC website.

Lukoshus said those at the demonstration were all impressed with the new system.

"It's no substitute for individual action," Michael Kull, vice chancellor of administrative services, said. "But it will help lessen the impact."

Jim Pardonek, the senior network administrator, said the system is sophisticated yet simple and will not cost the university much because does not involve new hardware. The simple interface allows an administrator to send a customized message or a stock message through as many or as few channels as he wants, Pardonek said.

The system must first be passed by the crisis management committee and the senior leadership team in October to be implemented.

PUC also tested all current emergency notification methods this week, including a public address in every PUC building on Tuesday, a test of the website notification on Monday and a phone messaging system to faculty and staff. PUC recently added public address functions at the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville and at the Entrepreneurship Center.

County prosecutor condemns probation

Jessica Figurski
Staff Writer

Though 98 percent of crimes go uncharged or unreported in the United States, Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter said the criminal justice system is not to be blamed. Personal responsibility goes the longest distance in reforming society, Carter said.

Many crimes like domestic violence simply go unreported.

"Every time a man hits a woman, that's a battery. Every time an uncle molests his niece, that's a crime.

But many people just don't report these crimes," Carter said.

Speaking to students enrolled in an introduction to probation and parole class on Tuesday, Carter, who grew up in East Chicago, focused on discussing the issues of public safety and the debate of incarceration versus probation.

Carter said drugs are profound in every aspect of society, and hit Lake County especially hard, though prosecuting every guilty person is nearly impossible.

Most homicides are drug related and there are about 100 homicides a year in Lake County, but only 22 percent of what the Prosecutor's Office charges is drug related, according to Carter.

Although probation is a big part of our judicial system, Carter does not believe in probation when it pertains to drug users and sellers, regardless if it is a juvenile or an adult.

"It's important for the community to know that when you use or

sell, you're going to jail," Carter said.

Carter noted the apparent contradiction of the flourishing probation system in the United States and citizens constantly condemning his office for lenient jail times.

It is suggested that 75 to 85 percent of people in jail are there because of drugs, according to Carter. Anybody who uses and sells does not deserve probation because it is the same crime, and that many of these criminals are almost guaranteed to be repeat offenders.

Many of these cases are hard to prosecute because of circumstan-

tial evidence, according to Carter. "If someone comes in here and shoots up the place there will be ten different stories about what he looks like."

But he noted that 98 percent of cases that go to court are pled out or end in a plea bargain.

To Carter, the largest factor in cleaning up the system is education.

He stated that finishing school and obtaining an education keeps most out of criminal activity.

"If you just get a high school education your chances of committing a major crime is almost zero," Carter said.

Paloma Miramontes, a junior majoring in political science, said she gained a lot from Carter's message, especially in regards to difficulties in the legal system.

"People go unnoticed so the legal system needs more work and he's trying to make it better, she said."



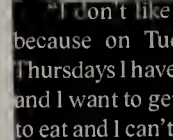
Carter

How have the shortened cafeteria hours affected you?



Phelicia Bradford
Junior
Nursing

"I don't eat in the cafe."



Samantha Bastien
Junior
Media and
Broadcasting

"I don't like it because on Tuesdays and Thursdays I have late classes and I want to get something to eat and I can't"



Zhan Ding
Freshman
Electrical
Engineering

"I don't usually go to the cafeteria."

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Macs on Campus

Everyone knows Microsoft. It's the heavy hitter on campus with most of the labs and the recourses directed towards it. But what about the Computer Graphics people and the English majors and everyone who carries around an iBook? Well, guess what, we support you too. Versions 10.4 and 10.5 are already supported. Soon we hope to even get Macs to work with active directory.

Mac Resources

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- **Mac Labs** - We currently have four Mac labs on campus. Two of them are accessible students outside of class. These are located in ANDR 216 and GYTE 143
- **Partnership with Apple** - PUC now has a custom Apple store and is a member in iTunesU. Through this you can get great deals on Mac products. You can even get quotes on Apple machines through CTIS.
- **Hardware** - Though we currently can't fix Mac hardware issues, we are working on becoming a fully authorized shop in the future.

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PUC receives grant, purchases telescope



Rick Balutewicz

Professors Adam Rengstorf and Shawn Slavin, who teach astronomy and physics plan to use the new NIRO telescope for future classes at PUC and for community education.

Tiara Stout

Chronicle Correspondent

After receiving a \$150,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in July, PUC is currently pursuing \$150,000 in additional funding to buy a state-of-the-art, Ritchey-Chretien reflecting telescope.

The telescope, dubbed the Northwest Indiana Robotic Telescope, will be donated to the Calumet

Astronomy Center in Lowell. It will be housed at a dedicated observatory at Buckley-Howard County Park to take advantage of the darker sky south of Chicago for better observations.

The telescope, nicknamed NIRO will provide more astronomy courses, facilitate new research projects for PUC physics majors, and bring astronomy to local middle-school classrooms through educational modules.

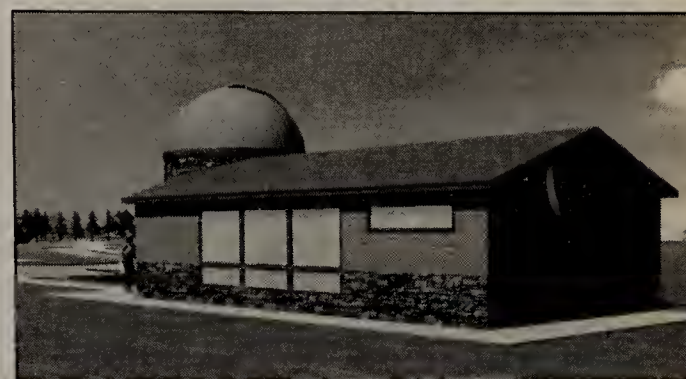
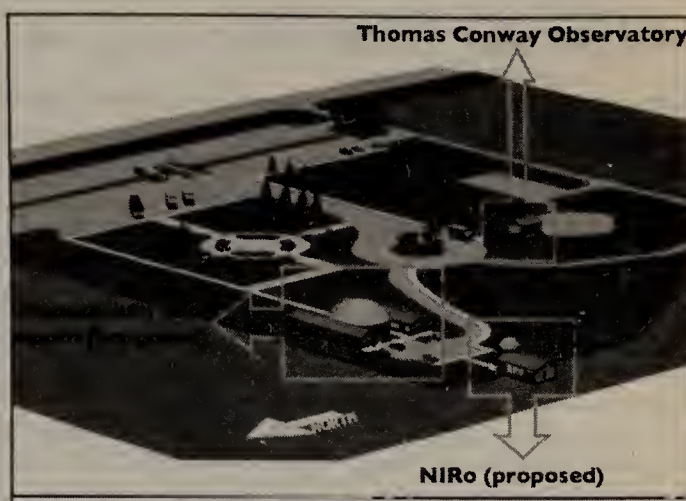
The \$300,000 project is a mutual effort of PUC and astronomy and physics professors Adam Rengstorf and Shawn Slavin. PUC has contributed \$50,000 and they are conducting additional fundraisers to secure the remaining \$100,000.

Slavin and Rengstorf planned early on using the telescope as an education tool for many communities in Northwest Indiana. NIRO will be affecting PUC undergraduates and middle school students in and around Lake and Porter counties. Once the facility is open, it will be used extensively for PUC in laboratory sessions in two astronomy courses.

In several physics courses it will add additional experiments. NIRO will provide physics majors with the opportunity to use the telescope for extensive research projects. The telescope will be used by professors Slavin and Rengstorf for research and teaching.

The community will benefit through periodic open houses and night-time observing sessions that will be introduced once the educational programs begin to use it.

Construction will begin early next year and the telescope will be delivered



Photos provided

The new NIRO telescope will be housed just south of the Thomas Conway Observatory in Lowell to limit light pollution. A new building will be constructed to house the telescope.

about 12 months from now.

Professor Adam Rengstorf said that they will be ready to incorporate it into the PUC courses by 2009 or 2010.

Both professors Slavin and Rengstorf are excited to get this project off and

running so they can begin to develop labs and research projects.

Slavin said that he and Professor Rengstorf plan to develop a course in observational astronomy, which would become a part of an astrophysics minor at PUC.

Cafeteria slashes operation hours

Hira Gul

Chronicle Correspondent

Chartwells Dining Services has rolled back their hours of operation at the Oaken Arbor Cafe this semester, after years of operating until 6 p.m. The cafeteria now closes at 3 p.m. each Monday through Thursday, a switch that leaves many students with evening classes running low on options.

However, the other Chartwells outlets on campus, Outtakes and the Grab N' Go, have extended their hours. Outtakes now closes at 7 p.m. and the Grab N' Go shuts down at 8:30 p.m.

But these outlets offer only minimal meal choices, and with a comprehensive plan to expand on-campus housing, many students are wondering where they are going to eat their meals.

Chartwells food services director Larry Posen said the reason for the shortened hours is simple — lack of business.

"It was observed that participation between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the main cafeteria went down," Posen said. "From a business perspective it was not a feasible choice to keep all three outlets, Oaken Arbor, Outtakes and Grab N' Go, open for the same amount of time."

With expanded hours and a larger menu at both Outtakes and the Grab N' Go, Posen said stu-



Chronicle Photo by Rick Balutewicz

Chartwell's cashier Mary Williams shuts the gate to the Oaken Arbor Cafe at 3:00, three hours before the cafeteria had closed last year.

dents who attend class in the evenings still have a number of options.

Posen also said the decision was made during the summer when traffic flow at all three food outlets is analyzed each year. He said because the decision was made over the summer, students

were not informed beforehand.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for University Relations, also shared his knowledge on the shortened hours.

"The change was made to better accommodate eating schedules of our users," Lukoshus said.

"There is now a three-hour difference in closing time than before."

Lukoshus stated that Outtakes and the Grab N' Go close later now to adjust to the shortened hours in the cafeteria. He said Outtakes' new dinner menu offers an increased number of meal options such as flatbread and burrito sand-

wiches.

When asked whether students were informed of the change beforehand, Lukoshus said the switch was made during the summer when all academic affairs are discussed.

Nothing to fear



Rick Balutewicz
Photo Editor

Fear.

To be afraid of and to have a reverential awe of, are the definitions that the Merriam-Webster dictionary gives us.

At times, we all have experienced one or both of the definitions, but how we deal with what we fear makes a world of difference.

Biologically, a fear response in the form of fight-or-flight has added years to one's life and long lineages in many animals, including humans. Fear its self seems evolutionary in character; first we fear, then we have reverential awe. Sometimes, it is when we still have fear and fail to move to the reverential awe that it can be debilitating in one's life.

As children, we learn to fear fire but as adults, we learn that we are able to control fire. When we see the damage that fire causes it inspires reverential awe in rational adults. One cannot go through life with a constant irrational fear of fire. Imagine what type of sleep one would get if they had an irrational fear that the house may burn down in the middle of the night. Or, how work would be if one constantly thought about being trapped in the building if it were on fire.

A portion of students will be graduating in the near future. This is a time in one's life that if they are not on guard, fear may sneak in.

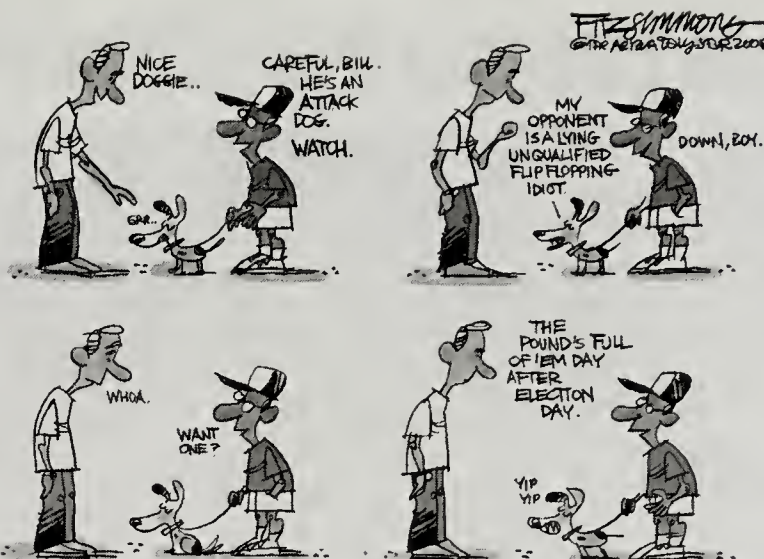
Some graduates will be entering into a new type of workforce. A job that is much different from fast food or retail sales. Whatever the case may be, the fear is mostly likely irrational or on such a grand level that we have no control over it.

When we rationally think about what it is we fear and why, most of the time it seems silly.

We fear situations and things that may or may not happen. The majority of the time statistics are in our favor and the chances of encountering the thing we fear is miniscule.

We exert large quantities of energy, from the anxiety created by it or in the act of physically avoiding situations in which we think we may encounter it.

One would be wise to store all that wasted energy and use it if they ever come face to face with their fears. Using the extra exertion to master our new found fear and move toward the reverential awe.



Why do we love disasters?



Nathyn Gibson
Editor in Chief

With the current slew of natural disasters, there is something that I have noticed. Quite simply, we love these disasters and when they are nearby, even better. Nothing unifies us more than to watch the destruct of something we created. Regardless if it's a fire, flood, or a even a car crash.

We act differently during a disaster compared to how we act in everyday life. In certain social situations, I would consider myself to be a shy person. While taking pictures of the flooding in Hobart, I found myself chatting with complete strangers. It's almost as if stuff being destroyed gives us a reason to talk to random people.

Dane Cook explains it best in his album, "Harmful if Swallowed." People stand outside for hours talking about car crashes. Everything is already taken care of but they're still out there with the same conversation.

"I was in my kitchen, cleaning a dish, and I heard the crash."

Another reason to "love" disasters is the potential of news coverage.

When the television news coverage comes, some people manage to find a way to fit some extra time *hanging around the accident*, just in case they have the opportunity to walk on screen while the cameras are rolling. Some people are subtle and act like they are walking across to check something out, while others are less subtle and will wave their arms frantically in order to be noticed.

I've discovered this motive during the tornado in Griffith. All the major news stations, with the exception of Fox, were there to cover the damage to a neighborhood.

I walk passed someone on their cell phone and overheard them say, "Watch the news tonight, I might be on."

Is it really that much of an accomplishment, to be on television because you happened to be near a disaster? Then again, I might be setting myself up to be a hypocrite because I still have a copy of my parent and me on the news when our rental house flooded.

If America truly has a fascination with disasters, then could this be the explanation to some of the activities we created? Did the person who invented monster trucks rallies just get tired of waiting for a car to get crushed? Is this the reason we watch action movies, where cars and other objects explode on a regular basis?

It's almost like we are living under the model, "If there isn't something being destroyed, we'll destroy it."

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Emergency notification

The issue: Notifying students and faculty during crises

Our opinion: After Virginia Tech, it is essential to consider 21st century methods of notifying students.

After one week of discussing emergency preparedness and the lessons learned from the response to the tornado and power outages on August 4 and 5, the PUC administration got the best practice possible this week – an actual emergency.

The flooding this weekend that left many roads and freeways shut down for over 24 hours and caused the cancellation of classes Monday proved just how practical these lessons are at PUC. The response to this emergency, a message on the PUC home page and a call to all faculty and staff, has been the only strategy used by the university until this point.

While this may have been a satisfactory response several years ago, new notification systems designed in the wake of the Virginia Tech shooting have made former systems seem outdated.

Enter the Enterasys company, and its new emergency notification system. It's a remarkably simple concept that the administration is now consider-

ing.

In a meeting on Wednesday several members received a demonstration of its capabilities from Joe Morales, the director of technical services. The system can send a message via six channels: email, telephone, text message, the public address system, the website and even a message sent to anyone on a PUC server.

But that is not the most impressive aspect of the system. The message can be sent using a cell phone with Internet capabilities from anywhere in the world. The makes the reliance on power, which was the primary downfall of the response to the tornado, completely broken. The typed message will convert to a voice message in a matter of seconds and can reach everyone with their phone or on the PUC network.

Sure, the flood this weekend is not a major campus crisis that requires minute-by-minute information, such as Virginia Tech. But the administration needs to approve this new system due to the

ease of use, the low cost and its potential impact in lessening the number of people affected by campus crises.

The only thing standing in the way of its implementation is approval from the crisis communication committee and the senior leadership team. With the upgrades in emergency preparedness awareness over the past two years by the administration it is almost unthinkable that it would not be passed.

Michael Kull, vice chancellor for administrative services, said individual action matters most in the heat of a major crisis. But administrative action through an effective emergency notification system lessens campus impact when all students are made aware of what is happening. Right now our system is lacking in the impact it can make. This new system would allow administrators to use every option at once if the unthinkable hits PUC.

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Brewery offers a tasty difference



3 Floyds Brewery in Munster is a perfect place to socialize and enjoy some drinks that you can't find at the local hole in the wall.

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

There are plenty of places to hit up for a beer any night of the week, but many will offer the same beer and the same atmosphere. Usually, the night ends

with the drunken blubbling idiots that are pointed at and are the butt of the joke for the night.

If that's an idea of a good time, kudos. If the thirst hits tonight, try sippin' on 3 Floyds Brewing Co. in Munster. Upon entrance, the aroma of fresh, mouthwatering pizza hits the nose and travels to a soon to be growling stomach.

The lime green and lavender walls along with low lights set the ambiance of somewhere truly unique. There's the option to sit in the bar or the dining area. Both are accompanied with high tables and comfy couches.

Games such as Scrabble, Simpson's trivia and Brewopoly are available and miscellaneous

books located on the shelf below ensure that there's something for everyone. If concentrating isn't what comes to mind while drinking, check out the totally random décor. A shelf above the bar holds items such as a Pee-wee Herman doll, a POW-MIA flag and of course the mythical jackalope.

The real reason to give this place a try is because of the beer selection. They brew ten different types of beers in the brewery located behind the restaurant. They range from an American knock off pale ale by the name of Alpha King Pale Ale to the full bodied Scottish ale known as Robert the Bruce.

Other options include an upbeat and fruity beer by the name of Dreadnaught. When Moloko was brought to the table, it looked like a Guinness. Fear not. It tasted like a luke warm coffee. That's because it's made from lactose milk, sugar and golden oats to create a sweet, malty flavor.

There's also a list of guest beers. These beverages aren't brewed right there, though. These are beers brewed 'round the world and brought to the Munster location for convenient enjoyability.

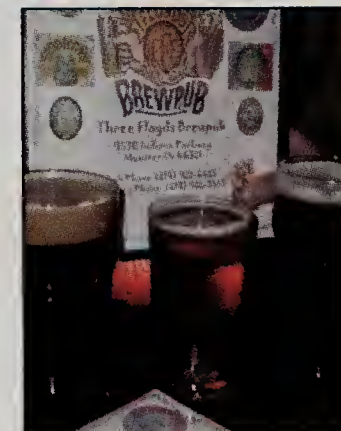
There's also an extensive menu that offers entrées like a turkey smoker sandwich to an

item called the Chancellor. This is pork schnitzel (pork loin chop) on a pretzel roll with Belgium style mayo and red cabbage. Some of the menu items are as exotic as the brews.

The service was laid back and the panoramic projector screen showing well known movie favorites made 3 Floyds a great place to sit back, relax and enjoy food and drink that isn't the every day run of the mill quarter pounder and Miller Lite.

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Try 18 holes in Crown Point

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

For the family looking for something fun and relaxing to do between school and work, the Crown Point Family Fun Center offers fun and excitement for all ages. Family owned, this center was designed to give families a place for the perfect outing. Its family oriented atmosphere has made it a great place to bring children, siblings and even significant others to have fun and enjoy quality time.

Crown Point Family Fun Center has a number of attractions that are sure to fulfill every need. One such attraction is miniature golf. This is an 18 hole course with a large pond and numerous obstacles along the way. Beware! Watch out for the alligator hovering the surface of the water!

A string of Mardi Gras beads is awarded for every miniature golf game purchased. General pricing is \$6, and ages five and under are \$4. There is also a course that is ADA accessible.

There are two sports cages, including a batting cage and a soccer cage. The batting cages allow personal equipment or the ability to borrow one of theirs. The machines never get tired of feeding ball after ball for either sport. Pricing for both is 1 dollar every round.

A go-kart track is also a part of the fun atmosphere. Choose from a variety of cars with single or double rides and prepare to

put the petal to the metal. If driving the price is \$6, and if riding shotgun the price is \$3.

Then, of course, there must be an arcade. It is filled with dozens of games, from the old school to the new favorites. Make sure to save all won tickets. They can be redeemed to receive one of hundreds of prizes they have to choose from. The token special includes six tokens for \$5.

They also have a few other resources that may be suitable. They have party/meeting rooms that serves up to 50 people. They are available for all types of gatherings and have different party packages to choose from. Contact them for more details.

Another main attraction coming this fall is The Dome. This 140' x 240' dome is a 55' tall air supported structure that allows year round training for sports teams, and can be configured for softball, baseball, soccer, golf and any other sports that require a large space. Act quickly, these spaces will fill quickly.

Crown Point Family Fun Center is located 1301 Merrillville Road (next to the Jewel Osco center) in Crown Point, Indiana 46307. You can reach them directly at 219-663-3663. The operating fall hours are Sunday through Thursday 11am until 9pm, Friday & Saturday 11am until Midnight (hours are subject to change without notice). Need more information, take a look at the website at www.cpfun.com.



The Crown Point Family Fun Center offers a wide arrange of fun activities, including go-karts, miniature golf, and arcades.

Chronicle photos by Rick Balutewicz

Grandma's offers one of a kind gifts

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

Upon entering Grandma's Country Depot, customers may see this establishment as just another store with no sense of humor that sells mediocre items at outrageous prices. However, once a tour is taken of the large space and items are found, such as a tree rack with ornaments in the shape of alcoholic beverages – something the owner lovingly dubs her "alcohol tree", customers can no longer state that this store does not have a sense of humor.

The owner, Joy Diecrich, declares her store as a gift shop, not wanting anyone to be confused with the line of work she is in. "I don't like to call myself a craft store, because then people who come here get the wrong impression. I do sell some crafts, but I don't sell craft supplies. This is a gift shop." Joy's store could also be considered a consignment shop, allowing local crafters to sell their wares in various sections of the store.

Joy's experience in gift shops has spanned over 19 years, 15 of which were spent in Crown Point, running a store of the same name. In 2004 Joy moved her store north and set up shop in Merrillville. This is a place where she has resided for the last four years.

Many interesting objects are scattered throughout the store, such as holiday items for all occasions. Halloween making the most predominant appearance, with paper mâché



Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Grandma's Country Depot offers a wide arrange of Yankee Candles in the price range of 15 to 20 dollars.

pumpkins and cute goblin knick-knacks lining the shelves in a haphazard way. Some corners of the store are reserved for certain items, such as purses and jewelry, as well as outfits for the geese many people have possibly seen on the front porches of their neighbors.

Most of the prices are set-up in garage-sale style, with a small handwritten price ticket placed at the bottom of each item. Almost all of the prices for homemade items are decent, many not exceeding a budget of \$10. Most of the non-

homemade items also do not exceed this budget, making an exception for a few of the more well-known brand names such as Yankee Candle, which border on the \$15 - \$20 budget.

A treat for those who make their way to this shop is a fresh fruit and vegetable stand, located in the parking lot. Broadway Produce is owned by the landlord of Joy's store and the two obviously enjoy the autumn season immensely. Joy states, "Autumn is my favorite season. Every year, my landlord and I set up bails of hay outside and have over a thousand

pumpkins for people to choose from. We sell gourds and squash, and even have a few scarecrows lying around. Everyone really enjoys it."

If a shop with a homey feel and a sense of humor appeal to anyone, as well as a budget that appeals to the wallet, Grandma's Country Depot may

be just the place to go. While it is further out than people may want to travel for just a knick-knack, going during the autumn season gives the customer an opportunity to browse a fruit stand, as well as pick up a pumpkin; something that could help kick off fall in a great way!

Destination on a Dime

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

It's time to give Indiana a break. There's a lot more to do in this state than any of us give it credit for. If trying to decide on a destination to travel one might not be able to think of many options in the great state of Indiana. A trip to Evansville may change that attitude.

As early as the 12th century, a Native American settlement existed in Evansville known as the Angel Mounds. The Mounds remained a home to Mississippian people until around 1450. The Mounds was a chiefdom (home to a chief) therefore being a large regional center for communities.

The Mississippian people built mounds in their towns, hence the design of the Angel Mounds. High-status families, like chiefs would reside on top of mounds as well as be buried in them. Ceremonies carried out by priests and chiefs would often be carried out on the temple mounds. Excavations have found evidence to the use of mounds for such reasons as religious and burial locations, garbage dumps, natural elevations and a chief's residence.

Research has not been able to conclude the reason the Mississippian deserted the village.

Many have theories, however no theory has been able to be proven. People began to leave the village around 1400 and by 1450 the village was completely deserted. It is speculated that decades of living on the land had caused the resources to deplete. Another belief is that natural occurrences such as earthquakes may have prompted the move.

The Mounds were named after farmer Mathias Angel, who settled on the property. Upon Angel's death his brother took control of the farmstead. Upon the death of Mathias' brother the property was purchased by the Indiana Historical Society. Since being declared a historical site in 1938, the Mounds have been excavated and archaeological research is continued at Indiana University.

The site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9-5 and from 1-5 on Sundays. Different special exhibits are available on weekends. The mounds can be viewed and the museum is open during hours. The museum offers exhibits and information, as well as volunteers always willing to answer questions. More information and directions can be found at www.angelmounds.org.

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Cage is back in Bangkok

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

"Bangkok Dangerous" is the story of a hit man who lives a life of isolation. He eats alone and sleeps alone. He interacts with other people until his work is done. After that, he becomes invisible.

Joe (Nicolas Cage) exists in a world teaming with nihilism and violence. Whether he's describing his work or reciting the rules of his trade that he follows religiously, it's always with a chilling sense of detachment. While much of his time is spent as an anonymous ghost, he mentions the need to interact with society. Otherwise, human beings come to resemble a different species.

Joe embarks to Bangkok, Thailand for his final mission: eliminating four targets. He seeks the help of a local man named Kong (Shahkrit Yamnarm). He plans to execute him once the mission is over. This is to remove all traces of Joe's presence.

Kong delivers suitcases to Joe. These contain the information about targets that, once Joe memorizes, he burns. When Kong is mugged during a delivery, he learns too much about the suitcases' contents. Joe is about to kill him, but Kong expresses a desire to learn his work. Seeing himself in Kong, Joe becomes his teacher and trains him as an assassin.

Along the way, Joe develops another relationship with a deaf mute pharmacy worker. He goes on dates with her, ignoring his rules. He falls in loves, but it's not long before she discovers he isn't



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exactly the banker he claims to be.

Joe receives the information on his last target and discovers it's a "good man"; a politician who champions for the poor. For the first time, and against one of his rules, Joe questions his work.

There's a critical flaw that makes this movie's turning point unbelievable. Joe, a presumably merciless hit man for many years,

suddenly develops a conscience and at the worst possible time. His final assignment. It seems the time window for moral crises should have closed a long time ago.

Besides that, the movie is an incredible blend of action and artistic direction. The Pang brothers, who direct this remake of their 1999 film by the same name, succeed in creating a world consumed

by darkness. It's bleak, gritty and cold. Cage's performance as Joe, ventures into loneliness similar to his role in "Leaving Las Vegas". Combined with the fast paced soundtrack, these three elements would have completed the movie, but no, there's also action.

Joe's assassinations, while usually stealthy and flawless, sometimes go terribly awry. The

result is thrilling chases and shootouts, the pinnacle being in "one man army" fashion. Fans of Cage will no doubt see this movie, if they haven't already. Critics of his; particularly "National Treasure", should go see this anyway.

Check out these new CD releases September 16

* **Overcome**
All That Remains

* **Live in the LBC & Diamonds in the Rough**
Avenged Sevenfold

* **Brass Knuckles**
Nelly

* **Doll Domination**
Pussycat Dolls

* **Year of the Gentleman**
Ne-yo

This week in the YJean

WED 9.17	6:30pm	International film festival "Before the Rain"
THU 9.18	3:30pm	Purdue Vocal Co.
FRI 9.19	12:30pm-3:30pm	Purdue Theatre Co. Auditions — Fall play
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Student showcase committee — "Abeo" & "The Deeper End" Rock bands



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**Like expressing you opinion about
how dinner tasted? Do you like
pointing out everything that made
that movie horrible? Your opinion is
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application to be an entertainment
writer.**

What are you waiting for?!

What is the only animal that never sleeps?

Last week's answer:

An Barbara Millicent
Roberts

weekly trivia

Police Blotter

09.06.08 – Parking Garage – 11:10 p.m.

Criminal Mischief - PUC officer discovered several drain covers missing from the 4th floor of the parking garage. Upon further investigation, the cast iron covers were discovered broken on the first floor of the garage. The drain covers were removed and dropped to the ground floor in an act of vandalism. No clues or suspects

Closed

09.07.08 – UV room 271 – 2:30 p.m.

Fire Alarm - The fire alarm was activated the the UV due to excessive smoke from Room 271. The resident burned food on the cook top. The smoke was vented out of the building by UV staff. No fire dept response.

Closed

09.08.08 – CLO Grab-N-Go – 3:05 p.m.

Theft – Complainant reported 3 male subjects, believed to be students, stole several bags of potato chips from a cart outside of the Grab-N-Go. The cart had tipped over and the subjects were helping when they took off with numerous bags of chips. They fled east out the main door of the

Open

09.08.08 – Gyte 69b – 4:29 p.m.

Theft - A complainant reported a computer system, CPU, monitor, & printer, missing from Gyte 69B. There were no signs of forced entry. CTIS was contacted and confirmed the system was moved to another dept.

Closed

09.09.08 – Parking Garage 2nd floor – 4:35 p.m.

Theft - The victim reported that theft of 2 fog light covers from his vehicle while parked at the above location. No clues or suspects at this time.

Closed

09.10.08 – CLO 153 – 8:15 a.m.

Criminal Trespass - PUC officers' responded to complaint of a suspicious subject in CLO building - room 153. The subject, Matthew Hamilton, was identified by officers, having been arrested previously for criminal trespass. Hamilton fled from officers while being escorted from the classroom. While fleeing he pushed the PUC officer and several people in the hallway. Hamilton fled North from PUC property and could not be located. Charges for trespass, battery to L.E. officer and resisting L.E. were filed

Open

09.11.08 – Gyte – 8:00 a.m.

Property Damage - The emergency preparedness system was not working due to water damage. The system will be replaced with a new one.

Closed

09.12.08 – University Village – 2:54 a.m.

Smoke Alarm - It was reported that smoke was filling the hallway of the University Village. Upon investigation with the assistance of the Hammond Fire Department, it was found that a television has shorted out causing the smoke.

Closed

9.13.08 – University Village – 10:42 p.m.

Mental Issues - Officers responded to the Univrsity Village to assist a student who was having emotional problems. the student refused medical assistance. The housing director stayed with the subject until things calmed down

Closed

Sudoku Normal

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Sunny
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Wednesday
September 17
Sunny
75°/57°



Thursday
September 18
Partly Cloudy
71°/54°



Friday
September 19
Partly Cloudy
75°/54°



Saturday
September 20
Partly Cloudy
77°/57°



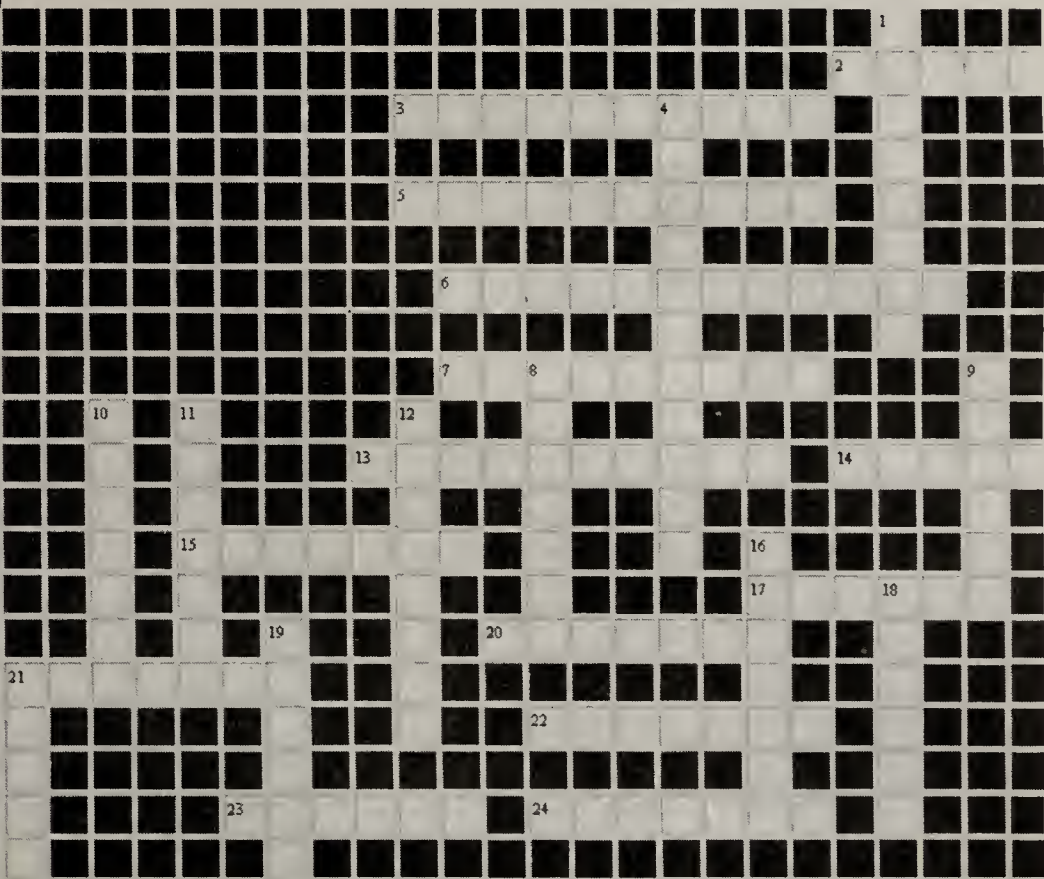
Sunday
September 21
Sunny
76°/55°



Monday
September 22
Sunny
74°/55°

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States and Capitals



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- 2.Delaware
- 3.West Virginia
- 5.Arkansas
- 6.Indiana
- 7.Kentucky
- 13.Alabama
- 14.Idaho
- 15.Wisconsin
- 17.Texas
- 20.Mississippi
- 21.New Mexico
- 22.Arizona
- 23.Montana
- 24.North Carolina

Down

- 1.South Carolina
- 4.Illinois
- 8.Maine
- 9.Massachusetts
- 10.New Jersey
- 11.Washington
- 12.Hawaii
- 16.Michigan
- 18.Kansas
- 19.Colorado
- 21.Oregon

Last week's
issue of The Chroni-
cle contained a puzzle
that was not compati-
blewith the clues.
Due to this error, we
are reprinting the
same clues as last
week with the correct
puzzle. Sorry for the
inconvenience

Home run derby king repeats as champ



Justin Arvay, a junior nursing major, won the intramural home run derby last Wednesday, held at the PUC gym. Arvay also won the event last year.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn Gibson

Intramural schedule:

Monday, Sept. 15
4-on-4 Flag Football
(7:00 p.m.)
Location PUC Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 16
Frolf (Frisbee Golf)
(7:00 p.m.)
Location: Knickerbocker Park
(2 blocks west of campus on 173rd)

Thursday, Sept. 18
Co-ed Volleyball
(7:15 p.m.)
Location: PUC Gym



Let the Chase begin for NASCAR's best

Casey Brandon
Staff Writer

The regular 26 scheduled races have been run and now the top 12 drivers will battle it out in the final 10 races in what is known as NASCAR's chase for the cup.

The Top Three drivers to qualify this year are Kyle Busch, Carl Edwards and Jimmie Johnson.

Busch leads the pack coming into the chase with eight wins, while Edwards and Johnson are a close two and three with six and four wins, respectively, on the year so far.

The rest of the drivers in this year's Chase have similar records and look to beat the top three.

Johnson has won the Chase the previous two years and is looking to repeat. Edwards has qualified for the cup the last three years but hasn't captured a championship yet. Edward's best finish in the chase was in 2005. Stewart is the only other driver that has won since the new championship format has taken place.

NASCAR first introduced the chase format in 2004, in order to

involve more drivers in the championship hunt. Each of the twelve drivers start the Chase with roughly the same amount of points and from there the best driver wins. The rest of a regular field of 43 drivers competes but can not earn points towards the NASCAR Championship.

Jeff Gordon who qualified tenth for the chase this year, has the most championship wins with four. Gordon hasn't won since 2001.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. starts out fourth overall in the cup rankings this year, and is looking for his first NASCAR championship.

This year's chase will begin in New Hampshire with the Sylvania 300, and it ends in the running of the Ford 400 at Miami's Homestead Speedway.

Last year Denny Hamlin and Clint Boyer, other drivers that have qualified for the chase this year, both found them selves in the victory circle at New Hampshire.

Hamlin and Johnson also had strong showings earlier this year at New Hampshire during the LENOX Industrial Tools 301.



Kyle Busch celebrates after one of the eight victories he has in the 2008 Sprint Cup Series.

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Sprint Cup Standings (after race 27 of 36)

Pts behind

1. Carl Edwards	
2. Jimmie Johnson	--
3. Greg Biffle	30
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	50
5. Jeff Burton	50
6. Denny Hamlin	72
7. Tony Stewart	73
8. Kyle Busch	74
9. Clint Bowyer	83
10. Kevin Harvick	86
11. Jeff Gordon	99
12. Matt Kenseth	177

The Verdict: Look for Jimmie Johnson to make a strong push to go back-to-back with Cup championships. Kyle busch who has been the stronger of the two drivers this year and looks to capture the championship for a first time. While Dale Earnhardt could be the dark horse.

---Casey Brandon

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Quote of the week

“Look at the Olympics. You have a swimmer like Dara Torres. Even in the 50-meter [freestyle] event, the 41-year-old mother proved you can do it. The woman who won the marathon [Constantina Tomescu-Dita, of Romania] was 38. Older athletes are performing very well. Ask serious sports physiologists and they'll tell you age is a wives' tale.”



Lance Armstrong, discussing how at the age of 37 he will be competing in the Tour de France in 2009

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Ryan Metz's

Weekly High Five

Sports' top villains

**1 Barry Bonds**

An asterisk will always accompany baseball's home run king along with his oversized hat size. The pompous left fielder was disliked by the fans, media and even his own teammates (teammate Jeff Kent and Bonds even tussled in the dugout).

**2 Michael Vick**

The former highlight reel quarterback is spending time in the slammer for fighting dogs and will never win over fans again. The true question remains is if Vick will be able to find employment when he becomes a free man?

**3 Mike Tyson**

Spending time in prison for rape and wasting millions of dollars on pigeons and other wild animals will haunt the former heavyweight boxer. Oh, and who could forget when he said he wanted to "eat" Lennox Lewis' children and then literally took a bite out of Evander Holyfield's ear.

**4 Terrell Owens**

Number 81 has been a model citizen and teammate thus far with his Cowboys. His checkered past includes calling out coaches, teammates and alleging former quarterbacks have been homosexuals.

**5 George Steinbrenner**

"The Boss" has owned the Yankees since 1973 and earned six World Series titles and has changed 20 managers and has fired Billy Martin five separate occasions. His brash attitude has earned him the leader of the "Evil Empire."

Retirement doesn't mean forever

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Apparently the long walk to the end of the driveway to take out the trash becomes too burdensome. Or maybe it's the constant bickering to finish the honey-do list hanging on the fridge

Regardless, there is a growing list of athletes who hang it up and then, well...put it back on and thrive for the limelight that once followed them. Maybe the cush life of rolling around in the Benjamins wasn't as enjoyable or as satisfying as they had hoped. These jocks spend their entire lives training to reach the pinnacle of their sport and it seems that taking their kids to school in the morning can't quite fill that void.

The list is long and prominent of these comeback kings, but let's take a closer look at real reasons these guys just couldn't give it up.

Last week, Lance Armstrong vowed to hop back on his bike and continue his spokesman role for cancer research. As he stated, "I have decided to return to professional cycling in order to raise awareness of the global cancer burden."

Wrong!

Let's not kid ourselves, this guy's list ran dry of starlets to date after failing with Kate Hudson, Ashley Olsen and Sheryl Crow.

Brett Favre took his Wranglers to the bright lights of New York City playing with the Jets after a teary eyed goodbye speech only a few months earlier in Green Bay. Did you actually believe moseying around on his Mississippi ranch would feed his ego the same way playing in front of a packed stadium gives him?

Other well known superstars giving their goodbyes only to return are well documented like, Michael Jordan, although I'm in the pack of people who believe the conspiracy that the NBA forced him to retire the first time because of his gambling issues. Soap opera divo, Roger Clemens has made several comebacks and is retired at the moment. That's until he and Bill Nye the Science Guy find a new potion to fool the enhancement drug tests in MLB.

The most outlandish return happened to be the one of Junior Seau. This guy signed a one-day contract with the San Diego Chargers, his former team he spent a majority of his career with, to announce his retirement in an emotionally filled press conference declaring that this was his "graduation" and he was on to the next phase in his life. Just four days later he returned, signing with the Patriots.

Well, the trend will continue with these athletes because, quite frankly, they realize their life outside of the arena isn't as gratifying.

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Bocce ball on the lawn**NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE**

Russian high jumper Ivan Ukhov has been accused of drinking vodka and Red Bull during a recent track and field competition. Russia is disgraced not that Ukhov was drinking, but that he thought Red Bull would actually give him wings.

Patriot coach Bill Belichick said he's in no rush to get another quarterback. He also announced that he's in no rush to do laundry.

Tom Brady has said that he stills likes the Patriots chances despite his season-ending injury. Upon hearing his pronouncement, doctors immediately lessened his dosage of morphine.

Magic center Dwight Howard reportedly used 189,000 gallons of water in July. Well sure. If you spent that much time around Kobe Bryant, you'd want to take a lot of showers too.

Australia's Greg Bennett won his third straight Los Angeles Triathlon. The L.A. triathlon consists of schmoozing, cosmetic surgery, and merging onto the 405 during rush hour.

LeBron James lost a game of "Horse" to a fan in Venice Beach. Which is strange, because Horse consists of individual shooting and no teamwork, and LeBron just spent the summer with Kobe Bryant.

And the City of Miami is hoping to change a street named in honor of Jose Canseco. People just didn't like driving on Selfish Egotistical Outcast Boulevard.

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Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Michael Jacoby, a post graduate of PUC, throws the ball during intramural bocce ball last Tuesday in the field between the Gyte building and Lawshe Hall. Kirsten Krausman, a senior nursing major, watches along with Christina Landau.

**Northern
Colorado**
Sept. 6
Won
42-10

Oregon
Sept. 13
Lost
32-26

**Central
Michigan**
Sept. 20
11 a.m.

**@ Notre
Dame**
Sept. 27
2:30 a.m.

**Penn
State**
Oct. 4
11 a.m.

**@ Ohio
State**
Oct. 11
11 a.m.

@ Northwestern
Oct. 18
11 a.m.

Minnesota
Oct. 25
11 a.m.

Michigan
Nov. 1
11 a.m.

**@ Michigan
State**
Nov. 8
11 a.m.

@ Iowa
Nov. 15
11 a.m.

Indiana
Nov. 22
11 a.m.



Oregon 32, Purdue 26

Boilers lose in 2 OTs to Ducks



Senior linebacker Anthony Heygood agonizes after the Boilermakers' 32-26 loss to Oregon on Saturday. The Boilers led 20-3 after the first play of the second quarter, but were outscored 23-3 the rest of regulation.

Photo courtesy of The Exponent at Purdue

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WEST LAFAYETTE | What separated Purdue from beating a ranked opponent for the first time since 2003? A 44-yard field goal that traveled wide left off the foot of kicker Chris Summers as time expired in regulation.

Oregon then took advantage of another break and capitalized as LaGarrette Blount ran 3 yards for a touchdown in the second overtime to give the No. 16 Ducks a comeback victory over Purdue on Saturday.

Oregon came from behind 20-3 early in the second quarter and overcame four turnovers, to defeat the Boilermakers 32-26.

"Our inability to finish is what really grabbed us," Purdue head coach Joe Tiller said. "We're disappointed, it's not like we didn't have opportunities."

Purdue (1-1) struck first in the game as Kory Sheets took the handoff, jotted right, and sprinted 80 yards, while stiff-arming a Ducks opponent, en route for the touchdown on the second play from scrimmage.

"They had no respect for us," Sheets said. "They were talking before the game about how fast they were and 11 guys let one guy run away from them."

After two Summers' field goals in the first quarter, Sheets scored again, on the first play of the second quarter, to give Purdue the 20-3 advantage.

The Boilers' offense then went stagnant for two quarters as Oregon (3-0) responded with an 87-yard punt return by Jairus Byrd and behind the legs of running backs Jeremiah Johnson and Blount, who each had 106 and 132 yards rushing, respectively.

Both teams' kickers booted field goals in the first overtime, with Oregon's Matt Evenson responding to his counterpart's field goal and tying the game at 26.

Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter fumbled the ball on the first play of the second overtime, which was recovered by the Boilermakers, but the loss of yardage pushed the field goal try wide right which set up Oregon's winning drive.

"I learned the first year that overtime went into effect, that there's one rule in overtime you can't violate and that is you can't take a negative yardage play in overtime," the 12-year Purdue coach, Tiller said. "It just puts too much pressure on your play calling."

Oregon finished the day with 503 total yards, while Purdue eclipsed 408. Sheets had 183 yards rushing on 29 carries, while his two touchdowns gave him 36 career scores, trailing Purdue's all-time touchdown leader Mike Alstott (39).

Painter finished the day 26 of 50 passing with 207 yards and no touchdowns.



Wikipedia.com/Miller Park

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The feel of the game. The attitude and passion of the fans. The smell of the hotdogs.

All of the aforementioned go in to make a great sports stadium. Whether you enjoy the taste of the nachos at the United Center, the fan involvement and games at U.S. Cellular Field, the frozen chill at Soldier Field or the nightlife that surrounds Wrigley Field, each stadium has unique qualities that separate them from the rest.

One of the more important traits of a stadium has to be the fans that fill the seats. The cheers

and jeers from the crowd can definitely help show support for the home team. The Metrodome in Minneapolis has always been a benefit to the Twins because of the loud noise created inside of the dome. Also, the lights on the ceiling often get in the eyes of visiting team outfielders, causing them to lose sight of the baseball. Arco Arena, home of the Sacramento Kings, in one of the toughest arenas to visit in the NBA because of the crowd noise, as well.

Many MLB teams often try to style the play of their team around the stadium. The Colorado Rockies keep sluggers like Matt Holiday, Todd Helton, and Garret Atkins because the elevation and

dry air of Denver helps hitters smash home runs at Coors Field. On the contrary, the San Diego Padres are built around a strong pitching staff because the dimensions at Petco Park favor that style.

Aside from seeing a win, most fans want to enjoy their time at a game by soaking up the atmosphere. An ESPN poll ranked PNC Park in Pittsburgh as the best stadium to go see a baseball game. New Orleans Arena, home of the Hornets, is known for having some of the cheapest NBA tickets. According to USA Today, for a \$51 ticket you can nearly touch the players on the court. Much cheaper than the Los Angeles Lakers, who have courtside seats that

sell for over \$1,000 on StubHub.com.

The next several years will bring about new stadiums for fans to check out. Next year, history will be made as the New York Yankees play at the new Yankee Stadium. The Indianapolis Colts just said by to the RCA Dome and are welcoming in Lucas Oil Stadium. The Oklahoma City Thunder (formerly Seattle Supersonics) will begin playing at the Ford Center, which should make for an interesting NBA environment.

With so many stadiums and arenas that provide such a great enjoyment for fans, it's no wonder why sports teams attract millions of fans every year.

Top 3 Stadiums

NFL: Ford Field
(Detroit Lions)
MLB: Miller Park
(SHOWN ABOVE,
Milwaukee Brewers)
NBA: United Center
(Chicago Bulls)

Worst 3 Stadiums

NFL: Dolphins Stadium
(Miami Dolphins)
MLB: Tropicana Field
(Tampa Bay Rays)
NBA: Izod center
(New Jersey Nets)